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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, XF, IZ
SUBJECT: ABU NIDAL SAID TO LEAVE IRAQ

1. LOCAL SOURCE CLAIMING INTELLIGENCE ACCESS STATES THAT
ABU NIDAL HAS LEFT IRAQ, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. SOURCE
CLAIMS THAT BAATH PARTY NATIONAL COMMAND INFORMED ABU
NIDAL THAT IT DID NOT LOOK GOOD FOR HIM TO BE LIVING AT
EASE IN BAGHDAD WHILE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE WAS
BEING EXTERMINATED IN SOUTH LEBANON. SINCE NATIONAL
COMMAND IS ORGAN THROUGH WHICH IRAQI GOVERNMENT PROVIDES
POLITICAL RECOGNITION TO "LIBERATION GROUPS," ABU
NIDAL HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO AGREE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: SOURCE LET THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION
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REVEALING DISCUSSION WHICH HE INITIATED ABOUT IRAQI
AND MIDDLE EAST POLICIES. INFORMATION IS OBVIOUSLY
SUSPECT AND MAY BE PART OF AN EFFORT BY IRAQI REGIME
TO CLAIM IT HAS DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM ABU NIDAL.

3. ASSASSINATION OF YOUSIF SIBA'I, LINKED BY MANY TO
ABU NIDAL AND INDIRECTLY TO IRAQ, DID NOT ENHANCE

GOI REPUTATION AMONG OTHER ARABS. CONSEQUENTLY, FUTURE
IRAQI SUPPORT FOR ABU NIDAL MAY BE LESS OPN THAN IT
HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. (ABU NIDAL HAS EVEN GIVEN
INTERVIEWS AT HIS BAGHDAD HEADQUARTERS TO FOREIGN
NEWSMEN.) IF ABU NIDAL HAS IN FACT LEFT IRAQ IT IS
ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS DONE SO PREPARATORY TO
A TERRORIST OPERATION.

4. WE DISCUSSED REPORT WITH FRG EMBASSY WHICH FOLLOWS
SUCH MATTERS CLOSELY. WEST GERMANS HAD NO RECENT INFO
ON ABU NIDAL.
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